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SUBJECT: UNCTAD-COPPER: SPECIFICATIONS FOR FEASIBILITY
STUDY

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1. ECONOFF MILLER GAVE MCNICHOL REPORT TO DR. KIPPER, MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR FOR COMMODITIES, MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS, AS REQUESTED (REF A). KIPPER WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE, BUT ADDED HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE CRU STUDY ON INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED NATIONAL STOCKPILES. MILLER SUGGESTED COMPLETE TEXT MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE, BUT THAT ABSTRACT PREPARED BY EXTERNAL RESEARCH WAS AND WOULD BE PROVIDED HIM BY THE EMBASSY. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO GIVE KIPPER COMPLETE TEXT, PLEASE TRANSMIT.

2. IN REGARD TO COPPER, KIPPER SAID THAT, WHILE HE COULD GENERALLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE TACTICAL APPROACH, HE

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STILL HAD SOME APPREHENSION THAT PROJECTED STUDY WOULD INEVITABLY BE FRAMED TO REFLECT THE PRO INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENT VIEWS OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, DESPITE THE USE OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE APPRECIATED FRG SUPPORT AND WERE WELL AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES FACING STUDIES DONE FOR AND REVIEWED BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT; HOWEVER, WE FELT

THAT A COMPREHENSIVE JOB DONE BY A REPUTABLE, INDEPENDENT GROUP WHICH HELPED ESTABLISH THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION COULD BE TO EVERYBODY'S ADVANTAGE AND WOULD SIGNAL CLEAR FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF CONSUMERS. WE ALSO INDICATED THAT WE WERE CONTINUING WITH OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF A COPPER AGREEMENT PARALLEL WITH ANY UNCTAD STUDIES.

3. KIPPER USED OCCASION TO SAY THAT HE HAD THE FEELING U.S. POLICY WAS MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF G-77 AND UNCTAD PROPOSALS FOR COMMON FUND AND INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. IF THIS WAS INDEED THE CASE, HE BELIEVED SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD TIP THE SCALE WITHIN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD LEAD TO THE ASCENDENCY OF THE MORE "LIBERAL" VIEWS OF MINISTRIES, SUCH AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATIVE, OVER THE CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY. IT WOULD ALSO MEAN THE MOVEMENT OF GERMAN COMMODITY POLICY WITHIN THE EC CLOSER TO THOSE OF FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS IN ADVOCATING ACCEPTANCE OF G-77 AND UNCTAD PROPOSALS.

4. KIPPER EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR OUR KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND OFFERED TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE HE COULD. HE SAID HE HOPED WE COULD MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT IN THE FUTURE.
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